## WC's APLP Looking for a Few Good Leaders

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HONOLULU (Dec. 11) - The East-West Center's (EWC) <u>Asia Pacific Leadership Program (APLP)</u> has announced the opening of recruitment for its 2007-08 graduate certificate course.

Based at the East-West Center in Honolulu, the program creates a network of dynamic leaders from around the world who are familiar with the critical issues and cultures of the Asia Pacific region and trains them to work collaboratively. The program involves intensive coursework and field studies. All participants receive an APLP entry fellowship valued at approximately \$10,000.

APLP director <u>Nicholas Barker</u> says "we are seeking outstanding individuals with high leadership potential ... all prospective participants should have at least a Bachelors degree, preferably a graduate degree." He adds the APLP "empowers future leaders with the knowledge, skills, experiences and supportive community needed to successfully navigate personal and regional change in the 21st century."

Some twenty countries are represented in each class, coming together from all walks of life, including areas as diverse as government, business, NGOs, health sciences, media, monastic orders, and academe.

The number of successful applicants is limited and applications are accepted on a rolling basis. The deadline for applications for the 2007-08 class is February 15, 2007. For application forms and more information on fellowship opportunities and the APLP please visit the program's website at www.eastwestcenter.org/aplp.

The program is entering its sixth successful year. It was established through generous funding support from the Freeman Foundation.

The East-West Center is an education and research organization established by the U.S. Congress in 1960 to strengthen relations and understanding among the peoples and nations of Asia, the Pacific, and the United States. The Center contributes to a peaceful, prosperous, and just Asia Pacific community by serving as a vigorous hub for cooperative research, education, and dialogue on critical issues of common concern to the Asia Pacific region and the United States. Funding for the Center comes from the U.S. government, with additional support provided by private agencies, individuals, foundations, corporations, and the governments of the region